

## Remarks

The foregoing amendment does not involve new matter. Claims 27, 31, 32 and 54 have been amended in a non-limiting fashion to correct typographical errors. Claim 60 is patterned after claim 47.

In the outstanding Office Action, claim 32 was objected to as being a method claim that was dependent on claim 27, an apparatus claim. That objection is obviated by the foregoing amendment. Claim 32 has now been put in independent form, incorporating the limitations of original claims 27 and 32 as a method claim.

The claims were subject to a three way restriction requirement in the outstanding Office Action. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group III, claims 32, 41, 42 and 46-59. New claim 60 also fits in this group. That election is made with traverse.

The reason given in support of the restriction requirement for the restriction between Groups I and III is that the structures of Group I can be made by materially different methods – e.g. using known molding methods other than injection molding (for method claims 32, 46, 49, 51 and 53), or by forming the miniature disk drive before encapsulating the stator and actuator housing assembly separately (for method claim 41). However, claim 18 (in Group I) is directed to a hard disc drive wherein the phase change material is injection molded to form the monolithic body. Thus the alleged rationale for the restriction between Group I and Group III does not exist for claim 18. In addition, claim 45 (also in Group I) is directed to an electronic device having a miniaturized hard disc drive made by the method of claim 41. Hence, the product of claim 45 is required to be made using the method of claim 41. Thus at least claims 18 and 45 should be examined with the claims of Group III.

Furthermore, it is submitted that since claims 18 and 45 will also be examined, and therefore these claims will need to be searched, it is not a serious burden to include the examination of claim 1 and other claims of Group I in the present application.

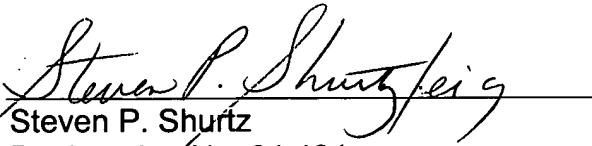
The outstanding Office Action indicated that if the claims of Group III were elected, Applicants must also make an election of species between "(A) the method of

making a disk drive including spindle motor detail steps, and (B) the method of making a disk drive including actuator step details.” Applicants’ attorney has reviewed the method claims of Group III trying to understanding which claims fit the descriptions of A and B. After the forgoing amendment, the only method claims that include the words “spindle motor” are claims 46, 49 and 51. However, those claims also include the word “actuator”. Since the Office Action does not explain what the two species are by way of drawings or example claims, Applicants are not able to make an election between the supposed different species, or even determine whether the claims are generic or which claims read on which species. If the election is meant to draw a distinction between the methods of claims 54 and 55, Applicants elect the species to which claim 54 applies. In that case, at least claim 53 is generic. If the Examiner desires to continue with an election of species requirement, he is requested to telephone the below signed attorney to further explain what the species are.

The outstanding Office Action indicates that the proposed drawing corrections have not been approved because changes were not shown in red, and it was unclear what is being changed. Another copy of Applicants’ paper entitled “DRAWING CORRECTIONS” mailed on May 28, 2002, is submitted herewith. The original of this document showed proposed drawing corrections in red, with one exception. It was noticed that in reviewing the file copy of the DRAWING CORRECTIONS paper that an arrow lead line from reference number 200 was not included on Figure 3. Since Applicants only have a photocopy of the original document, the red markings show up in black on the copy. An effort has been made to redraw over the photocopy lines with red pen to match the original red ink on the drawings attached to the original document, plus to add a red arrow lead line from reference number 200 in Figure 3. In addition, it

is submitted that a comparison of the formal drawings and the original drawings will readily evidence the drawing changes that have been made.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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